

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, more than 65 years ago, the National Housing Act was signed into law, making home ownership available to millions of families who previously could not afford to buy their own homes; and

WHEREAS, home ownership has always been the foundation of the American dream, and generations of Idahoans have worked hard and set aside their savings so that they might enjoy the security and stability of owning their own home; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's low-income housing market is, in part, the result of willing leaders, realtors and nonprofit agencies committed to providing affordable housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's commitment to home ownership has brought extraordinary rewards, invigorating the construction, real estate and lending industries, creating new jobs and enhancing our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, home ownership has encouraged thousands of Idahoans to save and invest, to take pride in their neighborhoods and to take an active, responsible role in the life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that we recognize the value of home ownership, its benefits to Idahoans and to our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 2006, in Idaho to be

HOME OWNERSHIP MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 13th day of June in the year of our Lord two-thousand and six of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

JAMES E. RISCH GOVERNOR

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